

MAPLE LAKE CITY COUNCIL

February 6, 2007 – Minutes

The Maple Lake City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Messina in the Council Chambers of the City of Maple Lake.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dircks, Geyen, Kelly, Messina, and Northenscold.

ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: City Attorney Rhonda Pagel, City Engineer Jeremy Mathiasen, Economic Developer John Meyer, and City Clerk/Treasurer Linda Hruby.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made/seconded/passed, (m/s/p), Kelly/Dircks, to approve the agenda with the following additions under the Consent Agenda c. Approval to Grant Application for Exempt Permit – Gambling Premises for the Post Prom Committee at the VFW Post 7664; and d. Approval to Grant Application for Exempt Permit – Gambling Premises for Heart of the Lakes Ducks Unlimited at the Maple Lake Legion Post 131.

Consent Agenda

A motion was m/s/p, Dircks/Kelly, to approve the Consent Agenda including Approval of the January 16, 2007 Minutes; Approval of Disbursement List #07-03 and #LS02-06-07; Approval to Grant Application for Exempt Permit – Gambling Premises for the Post Prom Committee at the VFW Post 7664; and Approval to Grant Application for Exempt Permit – Gambling Premises for Heart of the Lakes Ducks Unlimited at the Maple Lake Legion Post 131.

New Business

Lift Station – Internet Based SCADA System

Mathiasen reported that the City has been using a demo unit of the Mission Control System (MCS), an internet based SCADA system for some time and is now satisfied with the system. The MCS would be installed on all six of the lift stations and there would be a three-year contract for these services in the amount of \$18,000 (\$3,000 per lift station). The contract amount includes unit installation and three years of service. The full SCADA System using a remote telemetry unit has an approximate cost of \$85,200. Based on the recommendation of the Public Works Department and the substantial cost savings, Mathiasen proposes that the City install the MCS. A motion was m/s/p, Dircks/Northenscold, approving the Mission Control System and a three-year contract at a cost of \$18,000 (\$3,000 per lift station), cost to include unit installation and three years of service.

Water Treatment Plant – 2nd Water Filter Bids

Mathiasen reported that the bids came in well below the original cost estimate of \$720,000. The City received 9 bids on January 30, 2007 for the 2nd Water Filter as follows: Gridor Construction, Inc. - \$639,000; Eagle Construction Company, Inc. - \$639,850; Rice Lake Construction Group - \$651,950; Northern Plains Contracting, Inc. - \$652,782.50; Di-Mar Construction - \$653,000; KHC Construction, Inc. - \$669,000; Magney Construction, Inc. - \$674,875; Ecomm Midwest, Inc. - \$683,386; and Robert L. Carr Co. - \$718,400. Mathiasen stated that the 2nd water filter should be in service by late July or early August. The lower construction costs will result in lower costs for the entire project. The 2nd filter is the same size as the existing filter and the filters will be used alternately. A motion was m/s/p, Kelly/Messina, to adopt Resolution #2007-02, showing receipt of bids and awarding the contract to Gridor Construction, Inc., low bidder, at a bid of \$639,000. All

present voted aye.

\$1,000,000 General Obligation (GO) Water Revenue Bonds, Series 2007A

Meyer stated that the City received 4 bids for the \$1,000,000 GO Water Revenue Bonds, Series 2007A with the low bid from United Bankers' Bank. Meyer recommended the Council approve the lowest Net Effective Interest Rate of 4.1172% received from United Bankers' Bank. Meyer also stated that the bond value is based on the engineer's estimated cost of the project and any excess cash would go into the Debt Service Fund. The bond is for 10 years, with the first debt payment in 2009. A motion was m/s/p, Messina/Kelly, to adopt **Resolution #R2007-03**, providing for the issuance, sale and delivery of \$1,000,000 General Obligation Water Revenue Bonds, Series 2007A of the City of Maple Lake, Minnesota, to pay a portion of the costs of water system improvements; establishing the terms and conditions therefore; creating a construction account and a debt service fund therefore; and awarding the sale thereof to United Banker's Bank, at a Net Effective Interest Rate of 4.1172%. All present voted aye.

I-94/Highway #10 River Crossing Proposed Project

Northenscold stated that this item has been on the agenda before. Geyen reported that Rick Stevens, Security State Bank Vice President, requested that the City consider endorsing Option D instead of Option C, which is the preferred alternative of MNDOT. A motion was m/s/p, Geyen/Kelly, instructing staff to write a letter to MNDOT telling them why Option D would be best.

Park Board Report

Northenscold stated that a discussion was held regarding the trail from the Paumen Addition to Danielson Overlook Estates. The trail would be approximately 1,000 feet long, 10 feet wide, bituminous construction at an approximate cost of \$76,000. The discussion also included the slope of trails, which has been a problem in the past. The Board recommended the City Council authorize the preparation of plans and specifications for completing the trail from the Paumen Addition to Danielson Estates and to also authorize an alternate bid for repair of the trail in Danielson Overlook Estates. The timeline for this project would be approval of the plans and specifications at the March 6 meeting, with the bidding process taking another 3-4 weeks. A motion was m/s/p, Northenscold/Dircks, to adopt **Resolution #2007-04**, to authorize the preparation of plans and specifications for completing the trail from the Paumen Addition to Danielson Overlook Estates and to also authorize an alternate bid for repair of the trail in Danielson Overlook Estates, per Park Board recommendation. All present voted aye.

Playground equipment for Maplewood Addition Park was also discussed. The Board reviewed 4 quotes and recommended the City Council approve Quote 2 from Minnesota/Wisconsin Playground at a cost of \$20,197.22. Hruby reported that Sawatzke contacted this company and the quote has been lowered to \$18,740.96. Funds will come out of the Park Budget. A motion was m/s/p, Messina/Kelly, to approve the playground equipment for Maplewood Addition Park at a cost of \$18,740.96.

Other items discussed included: The skating rink is open. However, Jude Hall is not being used as there is no attendant. Sawatzke will contact the Lions Club regarding the hiring of an attendant; and Sawatzke will also check with the Lions Club regarding the permit to spray weeds at the beach.

Permanent Watering Ban

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the adoption of a permanent watering ban as follows: the elimination of extra time and expense staff expends imposing a temporary watering ban, water conservation tool, loss of revenue from people who would water more, enforcement of watering ban, fire protection issues if the water tower is too low, and exceptions to the watering ban. This issue was

tabled until the next meeting at which time staff will have a comparison of revenue from prior years.

Appointment of 2 Council Members to Monitor Cable TV Services

Hruby stated that the Cable Commission authorized each city to appoint up to 2 persons to monitor cable TV services and that the Commission will cover the costs for the persons appointed by each city to receive basic cable service. A motion was m/s/p, Messina/Kelly, to appoint John Northenscold and Shar Dircks to monitor cable TV services.

Old Business/Directive

Franchises

Nothing new to report.

Pete Mavencamp – Bill for Clean-up of Ditch

Nothing new to report.

Don Jude – Bill for Installation of Storm Water Tile

Meyer reported that additional storm water drainage was needed for the development of Jude's Industrial Park 6th Addition and the new Paumen Addition. In 1999 the City, Jude and Paumen agreed to pay for the storm water line by each contributing a third of the cost. According to Brad Paumen the cost of the project was \$97,000. Meyer stated after all the lots in Jude's Industrial Park 6th Addition are fully improved, any excess TIF funds will be reimbursed equally to the 3 parties involved. Paumen stated that Jude didn't start on the industrial park until 2-3 years later and then after another 2-3 years, grading on the site was completed. If work had been completed sooner, sites would have been improved, and any excess TIF funds would have been available sooner. A discussion was held regarding the lack of written agreements for this project. It was stated that this was a unique situation, but that in the future all agreements should be in writing. A motion was m/s/p, Messina/Dircks, authorizing the mayor to sign a letter to Jude regarding this issue.

Trains – Quiet Zone

Mathiasen stated information will be available at the next meeting.

Wright County Zoning Amendment

The Council discussed the Wright County Zoning Amendment to amend the Ag and A/R Zoning Districts to include Environmental Education Resource Center as a Conditional Use Permit in those zoning districts. It was the consensus of the Council that they did not have any concerns regarding this issue.

Administrative Issues

Northenscold congratulated Messina on his appointment to the Great River Regional Library Board.

Adjournment

A motion was m/s/p, Dircks/Kelly, to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Attest,

City Clerk/Treasurer